

Introduction to the Monthly Deemed Notice

What Is the Purpose of This Notice?

The purpose of the notice is to make people who automatically qualify for extra help paying for prescription drugs aware that Medicare prescription drug coverage is available to them, and to let them know that they will get extra help without needing to apply for it.

Who Gets This Notice?

Medicare mails the notice to people in Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) and people who get Supplemental Security Income (SSI). These individuals don't have to apply to receive the extra help, but will get it automatically.

When Do People Get This Notice?

This notice is mailed on a monthly basis.

What Should People Do Next?

People who get this notice have the opportunity to join a Medicare drug plan in their area. If they don't join a plan on their own, Medicare will enroll them in a plan to make sure they get Medicare prescription drug coverage and extra help paying for it.

If people have questions about the information in the notice, direct them to do the following:

- Read their "Medicare & You" handbook for more information about choosing and enrolling in a Medicare drug plan.
- Visit www.medicare.gov on the web.
- Call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048.
- Contact their State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free personalized health insurance counseling. See the "Medicare & You" handbook or call 1-800-MEDICARE for the telephone number in their state.



<BENEFICIARY FULL NAME>
<ADDRESS>
<CITY, STATE ZIP>

HICN <1234>

Please keep this notice for your records. You are getting this notice because our records show that you currently get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, or you get help from your state Medicaid program in paying your Medicare premiums (belong to a Medicare Savings Program).

Why am I getting this notice?

Because you get SSI benefits or help from Medicaid, Medicare gives you extra help to pay for your Medicare drug plan costs. This means you may only pay up to \$2 for a generic drug and up to \$5 for a brand-name drug. If you aren't in a Medicare drug plan, you need to join to get these low costs. If you have already joined a Medicare drug plan, you qualify for this help beginning <effective date> at least until December 31, <year>.

Although you qualify, this extra help isn't available while you live in a U.S. territory.

What should I do now?

You need to join a Medicare drug plan to get the extra help paying for your drug costs if you haven't already joined. There are plans available in your area for which you will pay no premium. You can join a plan and your coverage starts the following month.

If you don't join a Medicare drug plan on your own or tell Medicare you don't want to join any plan, Medicare will enroll you in a plan to make sure you get help paying for prescription drug coverage. Medicare will send you a letter telling you what plan it will enroll you into. If you don't want to be in a Medicare drug plan, you can decline the coverage by calling 1-800-MEDICARE or the plan Medicare will enroll you in and tell them you don't want to be enrolled. **Caution:** If you decline, you won't get Medicare prescription drug coverage.

You may have questions about Medicare prescription drug coverage or the information in this notice. If so, read your "Medicare & You" handbook, visit www.medicare.gov on the web, or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. You can also call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free personalized health insurance counseling. See your "Medicare & You" handbook or call 1-800-MEDICARE for their telephone number.

Para obtener una copia de este aviso en español, llame GRATIS al 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). Los usuarios de TTY deben llamar al 1-877-486-2048.